

IN THE CLAIMS:

--1. (Currently Amended) A data processing circuit utilized for a serial interface comprising:

a receiving circuit coupled to an application side which receives as input a plurality of packet data of a plurality of channels therefrom;

a selection circuit having a channel identification data extracting circuit for extracting channel identification data regarding a number of selected channels in said input packet data, a comparison circuit for comparing said extracted channel identification data with channel specifying data, and a packet data validity instruction signal generation circuit for outputting a packet data validity instruction signal indicating whether said packet data is valid or not based on a result of the comparing; and

a circuit for providing insert data; and

a transmission circuit for providing said input packet data to a data transmission path when said packet data validity instruction signal is valid, and for transmitting said insert data to said data transmission path when the instruction signal is invalid,

wherein said insert data is information data regarding said selected channel the selection circuit is operable to extract two channels of data simultaneously from among the plurality of channels.--

--2. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said channel identification data extraction circuit receives as input a packet data input timing signal for specifying an input timing of said packet data from said application side and extracts

channel identification data regarding a selected channel in said input packet data based on said packet data input timing signal.--

--3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

--5. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a memory circuit for storing said channel specifying data.--

--6. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 5, further comprising a computer for writing said channel specifying data to said memory circuit.--

--7. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

 a transmission packet data memory circuit for storing packet data to be transmitted to said data transmission path;
 wherein said transmission circuit selects said input packet data and writes it to a transmission packet data memory circuit when said packet data validity instruction signal indicates validity.--

--8. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said transmission circuit transmits said selected packet data to said data transmission path at predetermined intervals.--

--9. (Original) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said data transmission path is a serial bus.--

--10. (Previously Presented) A data processing circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein the serial interface is a 1394 serial interface.--

--11. (Canceled)